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ANNUAL RIVERHEAD COMMUNITY MOSAIC STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL

The 16th Annual Riverhead Community Mosaic Street Painting Festival, presented by the East End Arts Council, will be held on **Sunday, May 27th from 12 – 5p.m.** (rain date Mon., May 28th, 2p.m. – 5:00p.m.)

The day-long celebration of Long Island's beauty includes an art and craft show and sale, a street painting festival, performances by local musicians, and several interactive activities for children including arts and crafts, storytelling, face painting and drummer's circle.

Dating back to the 16th Century, street painters in Italy created works of art in front of cathedrals paying homage to the Virgin Mary. These artists were called "il madonnari". Be a street painter alone, or with your family and friends.

Be A Madonnari Street Painter!



Street painters (over 14 years of age) are encouraged to register in advance. Pre-registered street painters will be matched with a sponsored square on a first-come-first-serve basis. Street painting squares may also be purchased for \$20 on the day of the event. Materials included.

We will provide the chalk and blending materials. We do recommend you bring kneepads and a hat. Artwork must be suitable for public viewing. No words or symbols intended as advertising may appear within the image. Street painting squares are given on a first-come basis. You will be notified of acceptance prior to the event. Street painters agree that work done in conjunction with this festival may be reproduced by photograph or video and used by the East End Arts Council for promotional purposes.

For more information, contact Liza Coppola, Event Coordinator: (631) **727-0900** or lcoppola@eastendarts.org.

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